

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending and subject to restriction in this application. With the election of the invention of Group I, Claims 1-3 would be the only remaining claims for further prosecution and examination in this application. Further, Claims 4-6 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant believes that all of the requirements have been met with the election of Group I under 37 CFR §1.143. Since we have retained the claims of Group I and have cancelled the remaining claims, we are not submitting a separate page to the Examiner to show any claims deletions and/or additions thereto.

We have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a One month Extension of Time with payment of the appropriate fees thereon. If there are any deficiencies in connection with the filing of the Petition, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

Should the Examiner have any questions after reviewing this Response to the Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, he is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorneys so that this case can receive an early notice of allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOBSON HOLMAN PLLC

By 

Allen S. Melser
Registration No. 27,215

Date **March 25, 2003**
Customer Number 00,136
400 Seventh Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004
(202) 638-666
Attorney's Docket No. P66783US0